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SUBJECT: LATVIA SUPPORTIVE OF US POINTS ON BURMA

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Classified By: Pol/Econ Chief Tamir Waser for reason 1.4(d)

¶1. (C) PolEconOff delivered reftel points on Burma October 2 to Signe Jansone, the A/S level official that covers Asia at the MFA. Jansone agreed broadly with the points raised. Specifically, she stated that the GOL supports stronger sanctions against the Burmese regime and further efforts to encourage the release of political prisoners. She added that the GOL supports urging neighbors in the region, specifically China, to push for progress in Burma.

¶2. (C) In terms of the UN, Jansone stated the GOL supports the work of UN Burma Envoy Gambari. She added that the Latvian Ambassador to the UN Office in Geneva, Janis Mazeiks, has requested time to deliver a three minute statement on Burma at the Human Rights Council.

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